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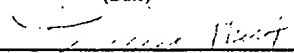
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 form, and accompanying references.

Among the references listed on the PTO-1449 form is PCT Publication Number WO 01/34809, an application which contains a Sequence Listing which is 2,144 pages in length. It is our understanding that the U.S.P.T.O. has a copy of the Sequence Listing in its electronic database. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the requirement for submitting a paper copy of the Sequence Listing be waived and that Applicants be permitted to submit only a paper copy of the specification from PCT Publication Number WO 01/34809 with the Information Disclosure Statement in the above-identified application and any application claiming priority thereto.

Also among the references listed on the PTO-1449 form is European Publication Number EP 0 786 519, an application which contains a Sequence Listing which is 3,051 pages in length. It is our understanding that the U.S.P.T.O. has a copy of the Sequence Listing in its electronic database. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the requirement for submitting a

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The PTO-1449 form also lists PCT Publication Number WO 98/50555, an application which contains a Sequence Listing which is 1,797 pages in length. The U.S.P.T.O. may have a copy of the Sequence Listing in its electronic database. Applicants respectfully request that the U.S.P.T.O. investigate whether it has a copy of the Sequence Listing in its electronic database or can readily obtain such a copy; and, if so, Applicants respectfully request that the requirement for submitting a paper copy of the Sequence Listing be waived and that Applicants be permitted to submit only a paper copy of the specification from PCT Publication Number WO 98/50555 with the Information Disclosure Statement in the above-identified application and any application claiming priority thereto.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this Petition.

Applicants have provided the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) herewith. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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